



Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2019
Room 326, City/County Building
12:00 p.m.

Mission: The CAC exists to provide citizen input into the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of defendants and offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Curt Chisholm called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Members present: Curt Chisholm (Chair), Gary Mihelish, Gene Prendergast, John Wilkinson, Judy Rolfe, Kim Leighton, Marshall Gingery, Ruthie Hill, Dennis Taylor, Theresa Ortega, Teresa Charlton, Tom Cordingley, Carolyn Belling, and John Lytle.

Members excused: Abigail J. St. Lawrence, Kiley Gage, Moffie Funk, and Mike Mahoney.

Others in attendance: Kellie McBride and Gloria Soja.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the November 30, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

3. Membership Discussion and Creation of Subcommittee – Curt Chisholm

Curt Chisholm requested that a membership subcommittee be formed to interview and nominate members for the Council. John Wilkinson agreed to chair with Tom Cordingley and Judy Rolfe serving as members.

4. Dashboard Update on Criminal Justice Services – Kellie McBride

Kellie McBride reviewed the dashboard update, e-mailed prior to the meeting (and attached to these minutes). Ms. McBride highlighted that the Behavior Health Coordinator, Jillian DeAmicis-Danesi, would be starting on January 28, 2019. Ms. McBride informed the Council that the Standard Operating Procedures for the Pretrial Officers and Operational Standards for the Pretrial Services Program, based on national standards, have been drafted and sent to staff for review, with a return date of February 1, 2019. Ms. McBride also highlighted that Western was moving the CRT to Journey Home and that in March 2019 Journey Home would be accepting direct commits.

5. Jail Statistics Report

The Council reviewed the jail statistics report that Gloria Soja prepares and sends out. Council requested that the body count at the jail be included, showing the numbers of males and females. The Council would also like information on the numbers of individuals who have entered into mental health or substance abuse treatment.

6. Update on Jail Remodel – Kellie McBride

Kellie McBride informed the Council that the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department have moved out of the detention center building and into the 406 building. Remodel is to begin in the jail February 1, 2019, with an estimated completion of April 2020.

7. Specialty Court Discussion – Marshall Gingery

Marshall Gingery reported that he has reviewed specialty courts in Yellowstone, Gallatin, Missoula, Flathead, Cascade and Lewis and Clark counties. Missoula reports that clients need 4-8 hours per week, but average 70 minutes. Mr. Gingery hopes to have a full report prepared by April 2019.

8. Public Comment

Marshall Gingery requested an update on children of incarcerated parents. Kellie McBride informed the Council that the United Way will submit a report by June 30, 2019.

9. Next Meeting: February 22, 2019

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Minutes approved April 26, 2019.